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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-6 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-13 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/3-3/3 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
1.	<p>The present report refers to the following documents:</p> <p>D1: DE 100 17 808 A1 (MOTOREN VENTILATOREN LANDSHUT GMBH) 13 June 2001 (2001-06-13)</p>		
2.	<p><b>D1</b>, which is considered the closest prior art, discloses (the references in parentheses relate to said document):</p> <p>Radial fan (1) with a housing (2) and an impeller mounted therein, an air inlet (4) and an air outlet (5), wherein a pressure chamber is configured between the latter,</p> <p>from which the subject matter of independent <b>claim 1</b> differs in that:</p> <p>in front of the air inlet a laminar element is arranged which, in a bypass (8) configured therein, comprises a sensor (9) for detecting at least one parameter of the medium flowing through the air inlet (4).</p>		

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2.1	The subject matter of <b>claim 1</b> is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).
3.	The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of indicating a radial fan of the aforementioned kind in which as exact a measurement of quantity as possible is achieved in a cost-effective manner so as to enable subsequent control according to requirements.
3.1	<p>The solution to this problem proposed in <b>claim 1</b> of the present application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:</p> <p>arranging the laminar element (7) in front of the air inlet (4) causes the flow to be quasi-laminar, irrespective of the rotation speed and other device parameters. The special placing of the sensor for detecting a parameter of the medium flowing through the air inlet (4) enables predominantly fault-free detection of the desired parameters.</p>
4.	<b>Claims 2-13</b> are dependent on <b>claim 1</b> and therefore likewise meet the PCT novelty and inventive step requirements.